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- 1. The food situation in Besnia is reportedly quite desperate. Reports submitted to the Provincial Government by the People's Committees of the Sarajevo, Sokolac Regatica, and Foca districts, reveal that as early as January 1951, the peasants had consumed 30 percent of the wheat set aside for spring sowing. During this same period, United States aid had not yet been distributed among the population of bosnia, apart from some assistance to the sick and to war invalids. The food shortage was reportedly so great that not one sheep remained in the village of Stajni, near Sarajevo, normally noted for its thousands of head of sheep. The black market is not within the reach of the average peasant who lacks the necessary large amounts of currency. Government orders, for idding employment on public projects to those who own property, coerce the peasant into joining the collective farms (kolkhozes). Ninety percent of the peasants of Eastern Posnia are land owners, and as a consequence they can not obtain employment. Collective farms in Praca, Pali, Stjenice, and locice have been abandoned because of shortages of funds and livestock.
- 2. The prestige of the present Yugoslav regime has decreased considerably among the population of Bosnia, who no longer appear to fear it as much as in the past. The peasantry expects that a revolution of some kind will break out, whether in the form of a nationalist uprising, a Cominform uprising, or United States intervention (sic). Substage in Bosnia is not organized as such, although individual acts of sabstage prevail throughout all fields of government endeavor. Some was percent of the population of Eastern Bosnia has either been transferred elsewhere, or thrown into concentration cames for assisting the Chetniks or the Boslem underg ound.
- 3. The predominantly Moslem population of Sarajevo is irate at the government, although somewhat less violently than the population of Bosnian villages, because of government offenses against their reli ious principles. One such offense is the forced unveiling of the faces of Moslem women. There were five cases in December 1950, in the district of Sarajevo where the menfolk killed the women of their household who ventured out without veils on their faces. Some Moslem religious leaders have been cooperating with the Tito government, but they are boycotted by the population, and the places of worship where they officiate are always empty. The Moslem youth is active politically, and

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	It is suspected that propaganda material of this organization aimed against the present Yuroslav regime is distributed in Yugoslavia and the ULB offers heavy rewards for any information on this subject. Sarajevo has a total of approximately 3,000 to 4,000 former professional men who were firm in their refusal to acknowledge the present regime, and who are now virtually starving.	50X1-HU 50X1-HU 50X1-HU 50X1-HU	
	The fighting spirit among the population under the present regime is at a low ebb. The peasants express themselves in favor of mobilization, not because they wish to fight, but because they want weapons for an eventual coup against the regime. Reportedly, there is not one recruit from Rosnia whether Orthodox, Moslem, or Catholic who does not state that in case war should break out, he would either abandon his unit or kill his commanding officer. As a consequence, Western radio reports that 30 of Tito's divisions will fight any possible attack by the Cominform reportedly appear absurd to numerous Yugoslav listeners.		
6.	It is estimated that there are several thousand guerrillas in Bosnia. They belong to three religions, but each religious group operates independently. In general, the guerrillas are in hiding during the winter season. There have been no cases of attacks by them on government authorities in recent months.		
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